

## **MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** December 17, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** James Slaton, City Manager

**FROM:** Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

**RE:** Contract with Citrus Connection for Mass Transit Services for Lake Wales

### **SYNOPSIS**

The proposed contract with the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District (aka Citrus Connection) provides for the City of Lake Wales “fair share” contribution towards the cost of providing mass transit service to the City for the next two years.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve entering into the attached contract.

### **BACKGROUND**

The mass transit provider for Polk County, the Citrus Connection, requires that each municipality that it serves make a “fair share” contribution toward the cost of such service. The Citrus Connection has been phasing in this contribution with the goal of each municipality paying its full share within the next three years. The contract that the City is being asked to enter into would provide for a level contribution over the next two years at an amount that represents approximately two thirds of the City’s full “fair share” amount.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City could choose to not enter into the contract in which case Citrus Connection would end mass transit services to the City of Lake Wales.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of the contract, \$132,275.74, has been provided for in the City’s Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed contract with the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District